

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a composite material with an improved structure in which is dispersed an active organic compound, and a method for treating effluents, in particular a method for treating photographic effluents.

5 The present invention relates to a composite material that takes the form of a structured gel comprising an aluminosilicate polymer matrix in the form of fibers in which at least two distinct fibers are interconnected by at least two covalent bonds to form an irreversible chemical gel and, dispersed in the matrix, an active organic compound. The choice of the degree of cross-linking of the matrix makes
10 it possible to control the diffusion of a hydrophilic active organic compound. The invention further concerns a method for preparing such a composite material.